

## Amtrak Real Estate Development Facilities Planning Group

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## Real Estate Development

- Real property transactions (lease, purchase, sale) required for Amtrak's operations
- Development and management of Amtrak's commercial assets (retail, parking, advertising, etc.)
- Redeployment of unused and underutilized real property assets

## **Facilities Planning Group**

- Comprehensive planning to support real property transactions required for development of Amtrak's stations, maintenance, and office facilities
  - Project scoping activities
  - Amtrak representation in the design and construction phases of externally funded facility development projects
  - Comprehensive inventory of real estate assets
  - Commercial redeployment of unused or underutilized assets
- Three teams Stations, Maintenance & Office

## Background

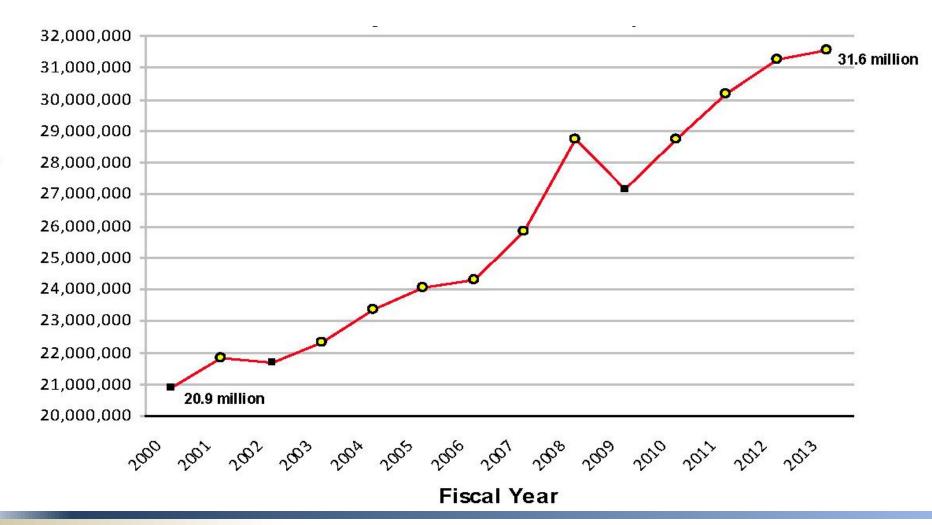
- The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) was created by Congress in 1971 pursuant to the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 to operate a nationwide passenger rail system.
- Amtrak's statutorily mandated mission is to provide efficient and effective intercity passenger rail mobility.
- Amtrak is in its 43rd year of providing rail service.

### Overview

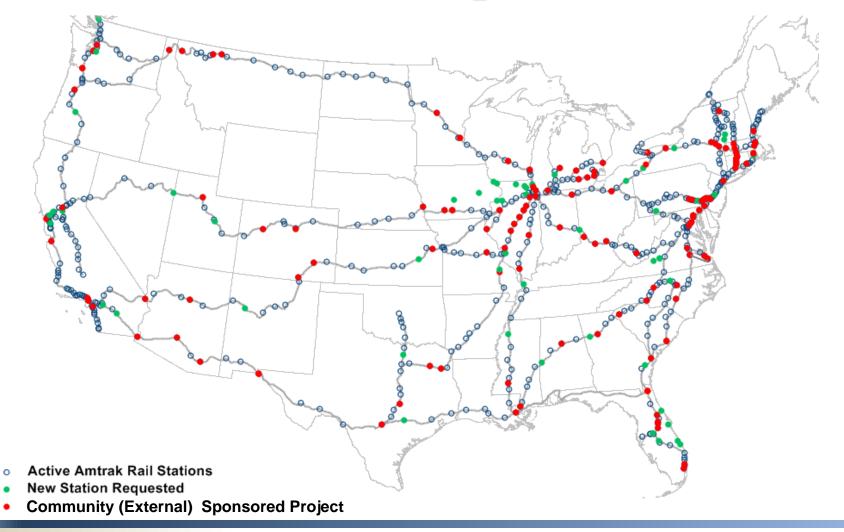
- 21,300 route miles to 500 destinations in 46 states, DC and 3 Canadian provinces
- Ridership FY2013:
  - 31.6 million on 300+ trains.
  - 15.4 million on state-supported corridor services
  - 4.8 million on long distance routes
  - 11.4 million on all Northeast Corridor services
- Ticket revenue \$2.1 billion



## Ridership Growth



## **Station Development**



## **Station Planning Team**

- Supports sponsors of projects at stations not owned and/or maintained by Amtrak
  - Prototype station designs
  - Station program and planning guidelines
  - Plan review and approval
  - Coordination with host railroads
  - Funding and grant support
  - Joint planning support

## Station Development Process

#### Initiation

- Route and service financial evaluation (new stops)
- Facility program based on ridership projection
- Agreements

### Scoping

Space requirements, schedule, and budget review

### Design

Design review and input by Amtrak user departments

#### Construction

RFI response, final punch list and acceptance

# **Externally Sponsored Station Development**

- 104 projects underway
  - 19 projects in construction
  - 59 projects in design
  - 26 projects in scoping
- 49 projects under initiation

### Resources

- Station Program and Planning Guidelines
  - Process
  - Amtrak System
  - Station Categories
  - Program
  - Site
  - Station
  - Platform
- http://www.greatamericanstations.com